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No. 69. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 19, 1862.

The following is published for the information and guidance of all concerned, in connection with the Act of June 2, 1862, promulgated in "General Orders," No. 58:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.,
June 16, 1862.

The Secretary of War is of opinion that the "Act to prevent and punish fraud on the part of officers entrusted with making contracts on the part of Government," approved June 2, 1862, applies only to such contracts as, under the laws and regulations in force at the time of its passage, were required to be in writing. The execution of the act, in any other sense, is utterly impracticable, and an attempt otherwise to enforce it, would everywhere instantly arrest the operation of all our forces. It is therefore

Ordered, That all contracts, which by the present regulations are prescribed to be made in writing, shall hereafter be made in quintuplicate, of which four shall be disposed of according to such regulations, and one shall be sent by the officer making and signing the same to the Return Office of the Department of the Interior, within thirty days after the contract is made, together with all proposals, and a copy of any advertisement published by him touching the same, attached and verified in the manner required by the act above specified.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.